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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET &
Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GUTH,
Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY
& Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL
DEALON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall
Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY,
19, Rue Monnaie, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau
Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GUTH, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—BLAN & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE &
Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZKEN
& Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO
& Co., Shewan, WILKINSON & Co.,
Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co.,
Fuchow, HENDER & Co., Shanghai.
LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY
& WALKER, Yokohama, JAMES, CRAW-
FORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—HON. W. KESWICK.
E. B. BELLIOS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS,
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
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A. MOLYNE, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong,.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai,.....EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED
DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which
can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS-
TRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....£200,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....£150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong
grants Drafts on London and the
Chief Commercial places in Europe and the
East; buys and receives for collection Bills
of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of
Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-
POSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per
annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL
FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.
VOGEL & Co.,
Sole Agents for China.
Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

FOR SALE.
THE British Iron Barque "BEN-
CLUTHA," 997 Tons Register, as
she now lies at anchor in CHEFOO Har-
bour.

For Particulars, &c., apply to
Messrs H. SIETAS & Co., Chefoo.
Hongkong, April 28, 1879. my28

Auctions.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
shortly, on a day to be
hereafter named, unless previously dis-
posed of by private contract,—
THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now
in Complete Working Order, and Cap-
able of Distilling upwards of 2,000
Gallons daily. The Property is of a most
valuable nature, comprising THREE
PIECES OF GROUND close to the
water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 751
and 752, with the Substantially Built
DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREM-
ISES, erected specially for the purpose
only a few years since, together with the
MACHINERY, ENGINES, SHILLS, VATS,
STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FIT-
TINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to
Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and
JOHNSON,
Solicitors, Supreme Court House,
Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE Business of the Undersigned will
in future be conducted under the
Firm of SHARP AND DANBY.

SHARP & Co.,
Estate Agents and Valuers.
WILLIAM DANBY, C. E.,
Architect and Surveyor.

No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
late occupied by
Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, April 17, 1879. my17

NOTICE.
MR. THOMAS WILLIAM WRIGHT
is authorised to SIGN our Firm per
Procuration from this Date.

SAYLE & Co.
Hongkong, May 6, 1879. jn6

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of
Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our
Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on
the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is
admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

NOTICE.
MR. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly
Manager of the Foochow Dock,
has this Day been admitted a Partner in
our Firm.

J. INGLIS & Co.,
Victoria Foundry, Wanchai.
Hongkong, April 1, 1879. jyl8

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of Shareholders will be held
at the Company's Office, situate at No. 7,
Queen's Road, Hongkong, at 8 a.m. on
TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, for the pur-
pose of confirming such Special Resolution
passed the Day.

Dated the 6th day of May, 1879.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
my20 General Managers.

Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS for the Extension
of BOILER SHED; REPAIRS to
ROOF, PILLARS, &c., at H.M. NAVAL
YARD, will be received by the Undersigned
on or before TUESDAY, the 27th Instant,
at Noon.

Plan and Specification can be seen on
application at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S
Office.

JOHN BRENNER,
Naval Storekeeper.

H. M.'s Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 13th May, 1879. my27

NOTICE.
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1878.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above OFFICE
are requested to furnish the Undersigned
with a LIST of THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
for the Year ending 31st December,
1878, in order that the Distribution of the
PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS
may be arranged. Returns not rendered
prior to the 30th JUNE Next will be Ad-
justed by the Office, and no Claims or
Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1879. jn30

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
48, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my20

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Directors have declared an EXTRA
DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on
Shareholders Capital, payable at the Office
of the Secretaries, on the 28th Instant, to
SHAREHOLDERS of Record on the 21st
Instant.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries.
Shanghai, 18th April, 1879. my23

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS
GODOWNS, under European supervision;
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agree-
ment, the Directors have declared a
DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the
FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st Decem-
ber 1878, of THIRTY-Y-THREE PER CENT.
on the NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED,
payable at our OFFICE on and after the
15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in
particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 6, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI
during the Summer Months, leaving
Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and
returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER
DR. EASTLAKE will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the
MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EX-
CHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE
House, Queen's Road Central, will
be Open and Ready for the use of MEM-
BERS, on MONDAY, the 2nd June next.

Applications for admission as Members
to be addressed to
E. GEORGE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct
my BUSINESS of MARINE SURVEYOR
during my temporary absence from the
Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS.
Club Chambers,
Hongkong, May 6th, 1879. jn6

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 101.
CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI
DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that informa-
tion has been Received from Captain
CROOK of the O. M. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
FUYEW, that on the 8th Instant, he
passed a sunken Junk on the South side
of the Channel about 5 miles inside the
"Tungsha" Light-vessel, the "Kiutoan"
Light-vessel bearing about N.W. by N.

By order of the Inspector-General of
Customs,
GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, 9th May, 1879. my18

PHOTOGRAPHY.

POPPELBAUM
begs to announce to the Community
of Hongkong that he has taken over the
BUSINESS of Mr. H. SCHUREN—well-
known in Hongkong—and is prepared to
take PHOTOGRAPHS daily from 8 a.m.
till 1 p.m. Having previously been employed
by Mr. SCHUREN, and had long experience in
some of the most Celebrated Studios in
Europe, he will take any Work in
PHOTOGRAPHY, and is able to guarantee
satisfaction to all who favour him with
their Patronage. Photographs enlarged to
life-size and finished in Artistic Style.
Any Pictures not meeting with the approval
of Patrons will not be charged for.

PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO,
Vyndham Street.
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my21

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship Alaska, Captain SEA-
BURY, having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are
hereby requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery of
their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

The above Steamer having incurred
General Average, Consignees of Cargo and
Treasure are notified that a General Aver-
age Bond is now lying at our Office and
will require their Signature before delivery.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Ex "Ironclad."
Y. Y. No. 1309, Mr. Yvri, 1 cask Wine, from
Marseilles.
Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

Shipping.

OLANO LARRINAGA & CO.'S LINE
OF SPANISH STEAMERS.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)
The New Steamer
"GRADINA,"
Capt. ALDAMIS DE KORRA-
RIA, will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY Next, the 17th
Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 15, 1879. my17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALOUTTA.

The Steamship
"VENICE,"
P. L. RHOZE, Commander,
will be despatched for the
above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th
Inst., at 3 o'clock.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALOUTTA.

The Steamship
"JAPAN,"
Capt. T. S. GARDNER, will
leave for the above Ports on
SATURDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my17

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

The Steamship
"HAILONG,"
Captain ABBOTT, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, May 15, 1879. my18

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark
"EDWARD MAY,"
Capt. JOHNSON, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, April 30, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship
"OLIVUNUM,"
BRADLE, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will be
despatched on or before the 5th of May.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, April 25, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Bark
"VESUVIUS,"
Captain CULL, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 8, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship
"ONEIDA,"
Captain CLYMA, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, April 17, 1879.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Schooner
"NUEVOCONSTANTE,"
Captain URIARTE, will have im-
mediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, May 9, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The British Bark
"GOLDEN FLEECE,"
WILTHIER, Master.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, May 7, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship
"HAZE,"
EVANS, Master.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship
"EDITH,"
MANSON, Master.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 American Ship
"PRIMA DONNA,"
LUST, Master.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

To Let.

TO LET.
OFFICES, GODOWNS, and
GOODS STORED.
Apply to
PUSTAU & Co.,
Praya, Pottinger Street.
Hongkong, April 20, 1879. my20

TO LET—AT WANCHAI.

FIRST CLASS
GODOWNS.
Goods of every description Landed and
Stored.
For terms, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, April 4, 1879. jyl4

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES, Nos. 29 and 31,
HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
Apply to
J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, May 9, 1879. jn9

"ROSE VILLAS"—FURNISHED or
UNFURNISHED,
BONHAM ROAD.

WITH Large TENNIS LAWN.
Apply to
SHARP & DANBY,
No. 6, Queen's Road Central,
late Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

THE CLIFFS, near Mount Gough, con-
taining SIX LARGE ROOMS, &c.
—presently occupied by Dr. ADAMS.
Apply to
MR. J. D. HUMPHREYS,
Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, May 8, 1879.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, ZETLAND STREET.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, April 23, 1879.

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)
NOS. 10 & 12, LYNDBURY TERRACE,
at present occupied by Messrs NUS-
SEY KESSOWEY & Co.
Apply to
LINSTEAD & Co.
Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

TO LET.

OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1879.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable
for OFF

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TIGRE."
Commandant LE FORTAIS, will
be despatched for SHANGHAI
TO-MORROW, the 17th inst., at 9 a.m.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 16, 1879. my17

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TIGRE."
Commandant CHAMPENOIS, will
be despatched for SHANGHAI
TO-MORROW, the 17th inst., at 1 p.m.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 16, 1879. my17

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE,
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR ALL AUSTRALASIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PORTS,
TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

One of the Company's
Steamers
will be despatched as above
on or about WEDNESDAY,
the 28th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, May 16, 1879. my28

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. TIGRE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNMENTS of Cargo per S. S. "Tigre," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 16th inst., at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 23rd inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 16, 1879. my28

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

GOLDEN FLEET, British barque, Capt. James Willsiehr.—Gibbs & Co.
ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma.—Gibbs, Livingston & Co.

ALEXA, British barque, Captain George Robb.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ANNIE W. WESTON, American barque, Captain H. O. Winsor.—Order.

VEGUEVIE, American barque, Captain F. W. Call.—Order.
JOHN R. STANHOPE, American barque, Capt. H. G. Pillsbury.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

FLEURS CASTLE, British steamer, Capt. Kildner.—Adams, Bell & Co.
ARROYAL, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BERTHOVEN, German barque, Captain Haje.—Melchers & Co.
KILLANEY, British steamer, Captain Henry O'Neill.—Gibbs, Livingston & Co.

ALICE O. DIKEMAN, American 3-m. schooner, Captain Wm. J. Bugant.—Order.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 16, Tigre, French steamer, 2166, Champenois, Marseilles April 6, Naples 8, Port Said 12, Suez 15, Aden 20, Gallo 30, Singapore May 8, and Saigon 12, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
May 16, St. Mark, British steamer, 1098, Johnson, Saigon May 12, Rica.—MEYER & Co.
May 16, Namoa, British steamer, 862, Westoby, Foochow May 13, Amoy 14, and Swatow 15, General.—DOUGLAS LEVINE & Co.
May 16, Irene, American schooner, 451, James W. Yates, Saigon April 30, Rica.—Order.
May 16, China, British steamer, 1036, Alderton, Yokohama May 10, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

May 16, Fough Balough, for Whampoa.
16, Caribbea, for Shanghai via Amoy.
16, Caribbea, for Swatow and Amoy.
16, Fleurs Castle, for Hankow.

CLEARED.

Yokohama, for Swatow, &c.
Footland, for Saigon.
Penedo, for Saigon.
Onida, for San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Tigre, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Messrs Dodd, and de Almeida Azevedo, from Saigon, Rev. Mr. Jacquemin, and 11 Chinese.—For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Herts, Tien-lin, Messrs. Blackman, D. M. Henderson, Turner, and Brakenridge, from Port Said, Mr. Rodas, from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs.

Edward Fong, for Yokohama: from Marseilles, Miss Zeppe, Messrs Haller, Bana, Eisenbecker, and Stanzil, from Saigon, Messrs Pallot, Morin, Simon, Estaire, Costet, Tromeur, Darce, Cong, and 15 Marins.
Per Namoa, from Coast Ports, H. E. Sir Thos. Wade, K.C.B., Mr. and Mrs. Hayler, Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson and 3 children, Messrs R. Pye, Jas. K. Morrison, G. Cor, H. Peters, Major Gen. Chang and servant, and 100 Chinese.
Per China, from Yokohama: for Hongkong, 7 Distressed Seamen, and 3 Chinese; for Singapore, Messrs Grienberg, W. Horat, and G. Sardo.
Per St. Mark, from Saigon, 8 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Patroclus, for Shanghai, Mrs. Poignard, and 5 Chinese; for Amoy, 150 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Scotland, for Saigon, 250 Chinese.
Per Fenedo, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.
Per Onida, for San Francisco, 1 European, and 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer St. Mark reports: Experienced fine weather throughout.
The American schooner Irene reports: On the 14th May, spoke the American ship Golden Rule from Hongkong to New York, 5 days out, in lat. 19.30, long. 114.20.
The British steamer Namoa reports: Having left Foochow at 1.20 p.m. on the 18th inst., with Sir Thos. Wade on board. Arrived at Amoy on the 14th in company with U. S. S. Ashuelot, with General Grant on board. Left Amoy at 5.30 p.m. same evening. Arrived in Swatow on the 15th, and left again the same evening—having light variable air and fine weather throughout the passage. Arrived in Hongkong at noon on the 16th inst. Passed S. S. Yangtze off Pyramid Point steering N.E. on the 14th inst. at 4 a.m. Passed a Gun Boat off Lamcocks steering N.E. on the 15th inst. at 2 a.m. Passed S. S. Kwangtung off Cupohi Point steering N.E. on the 16th inst. at 0.15 a.m. In Foochow: H.M.S. Lily, S. S. Glenagles, Braemar Castle, Monarch, Ben Glos, Teviot, and Syria. In Amoy: C. R. C. Ling Fung, U. S. S. Ashuelot, and Ranger. In Swatow: S. S. Deception, Thales, Newchwang, Echoing, and Foochow.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per S. S. Tigre, To-morrow, 17th inst. Registry closes at 5.15 a.m. Mail closes at 8.30 a.m. Paid Correspondence may then be posted in the moveable box on board the Packet.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per S. S. Tigre, To-morrow, the 17th inst. Registry closes at 11.45 a.m. Mail closes at Noon. Late Letters received from 0.10 to 0.30 with 18 cents Late Fee. Paid Correspondence may then be posted in the moveable box on board the Packet.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALCUTTA.—
Per Venice and Japan, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th inst.

For MANILA.—
Per Gravia, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.—
Per Hailong, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 18th inst.

For BANGKOK.—
Per Dale, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the 19th inst.

For SAIGON.—
Per Clava, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 23rd inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet Gwalior, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 20th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet City of Tokio, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 20th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.
Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.
Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my20

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet Inouard, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 27th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—
5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—
7 a.m.—Post Office opens.
10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet Alaska will be despatched on MONDAY, the 26th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—
2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.
Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.
Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my26

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.
Dec. 17.	Blenheim.	Flushing
Jan. 19.	Carriaks.	London
Feb. 5.	Vale o' Doom.	Antwerp
12.	South American.	Pennarth
13.	Vigilant.	Cardiff
22.	Grossfurst Constantine.	Hamburg
23.	Monte Rosa.	Cardiff
24.	G. C. Trufant.	Cardiff
26.	Edward Barrow.	Hamburg

4.	Choooria.	London (via Cardiff)
5.	Windhover.	London
7.	Cadiz, (s.)	Liverpool
14.	John A. Briggs.	Cardiff
22.	Agnes Mule.	London
28.	Wuhu.	Greenock (via Liverpool)
30.	Olaf, (s.)	Alyona

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Glenroy.

Harbour.	Boat.	Whitewashed.
Omba.	Bonaocord.	Whitewashed.
	At Liverpool.	
Anchises (s.)	Stentor (s.)	
Achilles (s.)		
	At Cardiff.	
Specs.	Charger.	

Quotations.

HONGKONG, May 16, 1879.

OPUM.—New Patna, cash.	\$550 a 552½
" Old	"
" New Benares, cash.	517½ a 520
" Old	"
" New Malwa, credit.	550
" Allowance Teals.	"
" Old Malwa, credit.	720
" Allowance Teals.	"

Exchange.

Bank, Wire.	3/7
" Demand.	3/7
" 30 days' sight.	3/7
" 4 months' sight.	3/8
Credit.	3/8
Documentary, 6 months' sight.	3/8
India, Wire.	224
" demand.	225
Shanghai, demand.	723
" 30 days' sight.	728
Gold Leaf, 99½ fine.	27.85
Sovereigns.	5.43

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 50% prem.	
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,450	
China-Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,550	
North China Ins. Co., \$1,250 ex div.	
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,730 ex div.	
Chinese Insurance Co., \$280	
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$750	
China Fire Ins. Co., \$175	
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 7% prem.	
H.K. & C. M. S. Boat Co., \$7 div.	
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$13 ex div.	
China Coast St. Nav. Co., \$15 ex div.	
Hongkong Gas Co., \$70	
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$85	
China Sugar Refining Co., \$137	
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, £118	
Do.	of 1877, £110

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, May 16, 1879.	
Barometer.—9 a.m.	30.082
Do. 1 p.m.	30.000
Do. 4 p.m.	29.958
Thermometer.—9 a.m.	55
Do. 1 p.m.	57
Do. 4 p.m.	57
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 a.m.	80
Do. Do. 1 p.m.	81
Do. Do. 4 p.m.	82
Do. Maximum over night	87
Do. Minimum over night	79

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, May 18.—

10 a.m.—Hailong leaves for Swatow, &c.

TUESDAY, May 20.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

8 p.m.—Confirmatory Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

FRIDAY, May 23.—

Goods per Tigre undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

MORNING, May 26.—

8 p.m.—Alaska leaves.

TUESDAY, May 27.—

French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Tenders for Naval Yard work.

WEDNESDAY, May 29.—

Dividend of 5% on Shares of Yangtze Insurance Association, payable at the office of Russell & Co.

SATURDAY, May 31.—

8 p.m.—Confidential & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamers leave for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

9 a.m.—Tigre leaves for Shanghai.
1 p.m.—Tigre leaves for Yokohama.
2 p.m.—Gravia leaves for Manila.
3 p.m.—Venice and Japan leave for Singapore, &c.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

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BIRTHS.

On the 27th March, at Eaton Hall, Congleton, Cheshire, Mrs J. COVATTS, of a Son.
On the 31st March, at Torquay, the Wife of LEWIS B. BOWING, O.S.I., of a Son.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.45 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1879.

The charge of embezzlement against the comprador of Messrs Nursey Kessowjee & Co. (Fung Ayow), heard at the recent Criminal Sessions, is not altogether unworthy of remark. Fung Ayow has now been sentenced by the Chief Justice to eighteen months' imprisonment for the crime of which he has rightly enough been convicted, and there is therefore no reason why the case should not be straightforwardly regarded in all its bearings. We cannot but endorse in the most emphatic terms possible the ruling of Sir John Smale that the "prisoner was most certainly both the clerk and servant of his employers." As his Lordship laid it down, "the position of a comprador from its nature is necessarily a confidential one, and branches of that confidence tend, in the total, to act most injuriously on the trade of this Colony." Compradores are usually regarded, not only as the mediums through which foreign trade must pass, but as the persons who most commonly obtain the lion's share of what profit is made by such business. It has even been said that this class comprehends nearly every one who succeeds in making any money in the country; and the question naturally arises, How do they make it? Mr Khetsey (a partner in the firm of Nursey Kessowjee & Co.) is reported to have stated in his evidence on cross-examination:—"I don't know what other firms do. We did not give prisoner permission to trade; we did not know whether he did so; we did not care to keep ourselves informed." His Lordship here happily quoted the familiar line, "Where ignorance is bliss" &c. And now we would ask whether this "blissful ignorance," this wilful winking at the trading tendencies of compradoric servants is not the source of nearly all the mischief which has arisen in this Colony between foreign firms and their native compradores? While distinctly and unhesitatingly concurring in the sentence passed upon Fung Ayow, and echoing all the praiseworthy sentiments of the presiding Judge at the trial, we cannot but think that sufficient weight has not been placed on the warning given by Sir John to mercantile employers. He said:—"I consider it most imprudent on the part of employers to trust entirely to the honesty of their compradores; every man is honest when the world goes smoothly with him." The position will be more apparent when the relations of the parties are closely considered. The prisoner was employed, as most compradores are, on a nominal salary; in this case \$30 per month. As out of this sum he had to pay five coolies and a watchman \$5 each (\$30), a water-carrier \$3, a cook \$250, one shroff \$10, and another shroff \$10; in all, \$550. Of course "the commission made up the most important part of his earnings," as Mr Khetsey stated, and a fair slice of the \$200,000 or \$300,000 which passed through the firm's hands in a year must have fallen to his share. The comprador "brought Chinese customers to our house and stood security for them. We did not care then whether the customers paid or no." The same witness (Mr Khetsey) stated that the comprador "was acting, it may be said, as our agent." There is yet another feature, which, however, did not come out in evidence. Mr Ng Choy, in his address to the jury, boldly alleged that the prisoner, this comprador or servant, on a salary of \$30 a month, from which he had to pay \$55.50 per annum—"was more an agent and

banker combined, and broker; he was allowed to do as he liked; he was a partner in several other firms; he introduced business to the firm and got his percentage from the purchaser; he got no advantage whatever from the firm; when the firm was 'hard-up' he lent them money, as much as \$10,000 at a time." Fung Ayow has been rightly ruled to be a servant in a legal sense; but it may be asked, Was this the proper way to treat a man in such a position? The prisoner, in his affidavit—which may have to be received with a certain amount of caution—alleged that he had paid out of his own pocket as much as \$4,800 as interest on amounts advanced to the firm on account of Chinese purchasers. Making every allowance, therefore, for all the peculiarities of compradoric life and relations—which in this case bear the appearance of being more in favour of the foreign firm than is generally the case, except as to security for the comprador himself—it seems to us that, not only was the comprador allowed to do pretty much as he liked, but a substantial return, by way of money advances, was not seldom made to the foreign firm. Although these circumstances do not in the least excuse the prisoner for having committed the crime for which he has been justly sentenced, they show that much blame is attachable to the system which permits such irregularities. Now that it has been emphatically decided by the Chief Judge that a comprador is no more than a servant, the relations of such servants to their masters, it seems to us, require much more careful attention than they appear to have received by the once flourishing firm of Nursey Kessowjee & Co.

Thomsett and child, and Miss Thomsett for Hongkong via Bombay.

Per M. M. steamer Yangtze, from Marseilles, April 20.—Mr and Mrs Morris and child, Mr Carl Stiebel, for Hongkong. Mr A. G. Wood, Mr Keller, for Shanghai.

The twin screw steamer Wuhu, built by Scott & Co., and engaged by the Greenock Foundry Company, proceeded down the River Clyde, on March 29, on her official trip. The wind was blowing strong, and the Wuhu having on board 840 tons of cargo, she was tried under circumstances that in every way were calculated to test her speed, sea-going qualities, and the peculiar arrangements of her construction. On the run-over the measured mile at Skelmorlie, she attained a speed of 10½ knots per hour, which was highly satisfactory to all concerned. After the trial, she left for Liverpool, where she will be fitted for the voyage to China. The Wuhu was built and engaged to the order of the China Navigation Company of Shanghai and Hongkong, whose fleet of steamers are employed on the river Yangtze, and in the trade between Hongkong and Canton. She is fitted with sleeping accommodation for 600 Chinese passengers, in a 'yle superior to any steamer at present running in that part of the world. On the run to Liverpool the Wuhu encountered the full force of Saturday evening's gale, and behaved well. We understand that Messrs Scott & Co. have received orders from the same quarters for the construction of another steamer of 700 tons register, to be named the Maoao. She will be fitted up to carry a large number of Chinese passengers, and from her tonnage it is supposed she will be engaged trading from Hongkong to one of the southern ports.—Home paper.

Amoy advices to the 14th instant are as follows:—

His Excellency the Tatal left this morning in the man-of-war Wang Nien Tung, for Foochow.—We note the arrival this day of His Excellency Sir Thomas Francis Wade, K.C.B., H.M. Minister. In the steamer Namoa.—The U. S. S. Ashuelot arrived to-day with General Grant and suite.—From Tamsui we learn that the Tea Season has commenced.—We understand that the U. S. S. Ranger will shortly proceed to Swatow, and that she will return to Amoy in a few days for the Regatta.—We understand that a new Hailong has been appointed to Amoy. His name is K'io Ke-chang, and he is due at the end of this month, though it is rumoured he has applied for a short leave to recruit his health.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.
(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")
(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 14th May, 1879.

Advices from Cape Town, dated 26th April, stated that Lord Chelmsford and Staff were proceeding to Utrecht, and that Magers, the brother of Cetewayo, had surrendered.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has stated that the Boers' Camp was broken up on the 18th April, and the force dispersed quietly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, per O. & O. steamer Belgic, is hourly expected.

The next ENGLISH MAIL, per P. & O.

took the necessary observations, and his notes are recorded below. These may be summarised as follows:—Herr Macley was in normal health, and had fasted eighteen hours before commencing the experiment. He had never smoked tobacco. Twenty-seven pipes, equivalent to 107 grains of the opium, used by the Chinese, were smoked in two and three-quarter hours, at tolerably regular intervals. The third removed the feeling of hunger caused by his long fast, and his pulse rose from 72 to 80. The fourth and fifth caused slight heaviness and desire for sleep; but there was no hesitation in giving correct answers, though he could not guide himself about the room. After the seventh pipe the pulse fell to 70. The twelfth pipe was followed by singing in the ears, and after the thirteenth he laughed heartily, though without any cause that he can remember. Questions asked at this time were answered only after a pause, and not always correctly. He had for some time ceased to be conscious of his actions. After the twenty-fifth pipe questions asked in a loud tone were not answered. After the last pipe had been smoked he remarked, "I do not hear well." Forty minutes later there was a slight return of consciousness, and he said, "I am quite bewildered. May I smoke some more?" The man with the pipe gone already? Fifteen minutes later (4.45 P.M.) he was able to go home, and then retired to bed. He woke the next morning at 8 A.M., and made a hearty meal, after his fast of thirty-three hours. During the next day he felt as if he had been in a great hollow in his head, as well as a slight headache. The organs of locomotion were first affected, next came sight and hearing, but Herr Macley is very positive that there were no dreams, hallucinations, or visions of any sort whatever.

The writer of "The Week" in the *Englishman's Saturday Evening Journal* writes as follows, concerning the unusual gaiety that a small contingent of the Calcutta community had suddenly rushed into on the strength of the arrival of the German War Frigate, the *Luise*, which was here but a short time ago:—

No one could tell me last Saturday morning what was the reason of all the ships in the river being dressed out with flags, and a search through year books of facts did not enable me to find that any important Indian event had happened on that day. When the royal salute was fired, I thought that, though somewhat late in the day, we were celebrating the marriage of the Duke of Connaught; but I found out afterwards that it was all in honour of the birthday of the Emperor of Germany, combined with the presence of his man-of-war in the river. The German officers celebrated the event by giving a party on board the *Luise*, which everyone present enjoyed so much that it was like the spark to kindle the expiring embers of our gay season, and every night afterwards the German officers were entertained either by their own countrymen, the Lieutenant Governor, or some of our few remaining big wigs. And very pleasant parties they all were, especially the one at the German Club, where the Captain of the *Luise* rather poked fun at his hosts by saying, in reply to the toast of his health, that he expected to find his countrymen living a wretched life in a foreign country, but he found them living like princes. I fancy the officers of the *Luise* will take away a pleasant recollection of their visit to Calcutta.

What would the good people of Hongkong say to Lawn Tennis on a Sunday? The suggestion is not ours,—far from it. But this is what a presumably respectable gentleman writes to the *Ceylon Times*; he signs himself "Paterfamilias," and dates from the aristocratic quarter of the City,—the Cinnamon Gardens:—

I have got into hot water with several of my friends and neighbours because early on Sunday mornings and in the cool of Sunday evenings, I join the members of my family in a game of that healthy pastime, Lawn Tennis. I am told that I am not a Christian, and that I have no fear of God or judgment, and so warmly has what I regarded as a most innocent exercise been condemned that, like Popay, I begin to feel that "I've very wicked." I should therefore feel glad if you or some of your readers will give me their views on the subject. If I am thoroughly convinced by any arguments that I am doing what is wrong, and setting a bad example either to my family or my neighbours, I will immediately give in; but at present, I contend that I am doing no harm. Archbishop Whately, I find, says that with regard to the Sabbath there is evidently no mention made to the Gentiles, for they were not commanded to keep it. But the Lord's Day was celebrated among the early Christians. He goes on to say "when some traditional illustration has come down to us, of which great part is probably of Apostolic origin, we are to take the whole as a human ordinance, and is not designed to bind all Christians absolutely, though deserving of attentive and respectful enquiry owing to its antiquity. If I had, in fact, not the least doubt as to the custom of the Apostles, I should not be bound to conform to their practice, nor to celebrate their love feasts, &c."—That the manner of observing Sunday has varied from time to time is beyond doubt, and Dr. Arnold writes "It was made more or less strict on grounds of religious expediency without reference in either case to the authority of the fourth commandment. Our own reformers required the clergy to teach the people that they would grievously offend God if they abstained from working on Sunday in harvest time." It would be easy to multiply such quotations and facts, all tending to show that there is strong evidence against the theory of a Divine authority for Christians to observe a seventh day; but before I trouble you with any further arguments, I should like to hear something on the other side.

Freemasonry prospers well in India, equally well we may say in every Presidency. Writing of the departure from India of the Hon. H. S. Gibbs, Senior member of Council, the *Bombay Gazette* says:—

Another cause of the great popularity enjoyed by Mr Gibbs was his earnest promotion of masonry in Bombay. As Mr Tyrrell Leigh said the other day, masonry is becoming in India an important lever for removing the obstructions set up by caste to freedom of social intercourse between Europeans and natives. The democratic creed of the masons sets the native at ease by assuring him that he shall be treated respectfully, and welcomed

as a brother, by the white man; while the absence of religious dogmatism in masonry leaves him at liberty to preserve a belief in the essential principles of his own religion, though he may cast off the social prejudices that priests have devised for keeping him in their own hands. We see, therefore, that with every day that passes masonry becomes more and more popular with educated natives of all the various sects; and Mr Gibbs showed a right appreciation of the value of this new reforming agency when he became the enthusiastic leader of the English masons of Bombay. To his long experience in managing masonic lodges he is no doubt indebted for that pleasant facility of speech and for much of that urbanity of manner for which he is distinguished.

SAD FATAL ACCIDENT TO A EUROPEAN.—INQUEST.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of a European lad, aged 18, named Charles Penniket, a boy on board the steamer *Scotland*, who was accidentally drowned whilst bathing. The jury comprised Messrs J. H. Holmes, W. Lapsley, and J. Ledbury.

Thomas McGee, an ordinary seaman on board the *Scotland*, stated that he and deceased went on board the training ship together last June twelve months, and joined the *Scotland* about five months ago. On Wednesday about 6 p.m. the deceased, myself and five other members of the crew were bathing from the ship's side as she lay moored to a buoy in this Harbour. The deceased was the first in the water, and had been round the ship before I went in. I was in the water about twenty minutes, and after I came on board and was dressed, I saw the deceased still in the water. When I last saw him he was floating on his back close alongside, I saw no one else in the water then, but I cannot say that all the five men had come on board. The deceased was a very good swimmer, but he was subject to fainting fits, and when suffering from these fits he usually became insensible for five or ten minutes. During that interval he was unable to speak, but would sometimes remain standing or sitting, and when he recovered from the attack he always suffered from severe headache. One of the men missed the deceased at 7 o'clock, and it was then discovered that he had not come on board and his clothes were in the fore-castle. A search was then made all round the ship; it was daylight, but no trace of him was found. A report was made to the mate and subsequently to the police.

Dr. Wharry deposed as to the cause of death. The body was examined this morning. It had been dead about forty-eight hours. The eyelids and part of the face appear to have been eaten by fish or crabs. The body appeared to have been for some time in the water. There were no other marks on the body. Death appeared to have resulted from drowning. The fits he (witness) had heard described appeared to be very much like cataplexy.

Henry Coventon sworn stated:—I am an ordinary seaman on board the steamer *Scotland*. On Wednesday evening a little before 6 o'clock I went into the water to bathe. The deceased was in the same water. I remained in the water about twenty minutes; I then got on board by the gangway ladder and saw the deceased about two fathoms and a half away from the ship, and I asked him if he was coming on board to tea. He said, "yes, presently." He was on very good terms with the other men in the water. Deceased was a very good swimmer. He was subject to fits, and I attribute his death to a fit. His clothes were in the fore-castle; and deceased not having come on board by 7 o'clock, I reported the matter to the mate. A search was made all over the ship and round about in the water. A report was subsequently made to the Water Police.

Chun Aboi, a fisherman, said that yesterday morning about 6 o'clock he received orders from the police to look for the body and found it about 4 p.m. opposite the Canton Steamer Wharf; it was taken to the Police Hulk.

William Atkinson, sworn, stated:—I am the master of the British steamer *Scotland*. I first heard of the deceased being missing between 7 and 8 o'clock on Wednesday night. I made enquiries on board and not finding him reported the matter to the Water Police. I did not suspect he was drowned, as I had seen him in the water before, and knew him to be an expert swimmer. I thought perhaps he had gone on board one of the neighbouring ships. I did not know he was subject to fits. I believe he was on good terms with every body on board; when the body was brought to the surface one arm was bent and the fist clenched as though he had been taken by a cramp.

A verdict of "accidental death" was recorded.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Craigh, Esq.)
Friday, 16th May.

DETENTIONING THEM.

Lo Kumko and four other women were charged with being found in the unlawful possession of some newly cut shrubs near Stanley. Defendants admitted the charge, and were fined £2 each, with the alternative of ten days' hard labour. Mr Craigh ordered the arresting Constable (Alli Henson No. 800) to receive £2 reward from the fine.

GAMBLING.

Chan Ahui, a hawker, was fined 50 cents for gambling on the Recreation Ground. He offered 20 cents to the Constable to let him go.

LARCENY.

Cheung Santong, a coolie, was charged with stealing a silver watch and chain, a jacket, and other articles the property of one Wong Akum, a cook. He admitted the charge and was sent to six weeks' hard labour and ordered to pay \$5 towards the complainant or be further imprisoned for 4 weeks.

STREETCLOSURE.

Wong Atuh, a coolie, was sent to three months' hard labour as a rogue and vagabond, having been found concealed behind some firewood at Yow-mah-ti.

BEATING A GLAY COOLIE.

Mr William Legge, broker, appeared on a summons for assaulting one Kwong Chuan-fun, a chair coolie. Complainant stated that he was a chair coolie to the defendant.

On the 28th April about 6 p.m., he asked the defendant to allow him to get his dinner; complainant was waiting with the chair at the Hongkong Hotel; defendant then beat him with his fist and with complainant's queue. Complainant did not intend to summon the defendant at first, but finding that he was still suffering from the effects of the beating, he did so. He had been under the treatment of a Chinese doctor ever since, and was quite unable to work owing to the beating.

Defendant stated that the man came to him at the head of the stairs of the Hotel, and asked for leave to go out. He (defendant) had not seen him for two days before, and owing to his neglect of duty defendant refused to allow him to go out.

Complainant then gave an impertinent answer, and defendant slapped his face with his open hand; he denied striking him with his fist or on the body. Complainant then threatened to summon him, and was told he might do so if he chose, but subsequently he agreed not to do so if he received his full wages. He had received his full wages, and nothing further had been heard of the matter till now.

Mr Craigh remanded the case till to-morrow at noon, in order that the complainant might be examined by Dr. Ayres. We believe that the doctor's report is to the effect that there are no marks on the man's body, but two recent pinch bruises, one on the back and the other on the arm.

(Before the Hon C. B. Plunket.)

CUTTING AND WOUNDING ON BOARD A JUNK. The remanded case in which Chan a Chai and ten other seamen were charged with assaulting and wounding two men on board a junk, and discharging firearms in the harbour, came on again to-day.

Dr Wharry gave evidence as to the nature of the wounds, which were, he said, incised wounds on the ankle. They must have been made by some sharp instrument; a broken chattle could have done it.

The defendants denied using chopppers, but said the other boat collided with theirs, and damaged the bows of their boat. A quarrel arose and they threw chattle at one another. Some of the defendants denied having taken any part in the disturbance; they were, they said, asleep.

His Worship sent two of them to two months' hard labour and the rest of them to one month's hard labour, and all were ordered to find security in £25 for their good behaviour for six months. The eighth defendant was ordered to compensate one of the wounded men (Ng Tai Un) in \$20, or to be further imprisoned for two months with hard labour.

China.

FOOTBOLE.

(Herald, May 8th.)

H. B. M. S. *Vigilant*, with Admiral Coote on board, arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 28th ultimo, and left for Shanghai on the following day. H. M. S. *Sheldrake* went out for a cruise on the 5th instant.

We understand that the Eastern and Australian Steam Navigation Company propose placing a steamer on the berth for Melbourne and another for Sydney at the opening of the Tea season; and that subsequently the Company's steamers will call here throughout the season about first of each month.

The S.S. *Braemar Castle* arrived on the 2nd instant, followed on the 5th by the *Ben Glos*. Both vessels will understand for London. The *Glenagles*, *Orestes*, *Monarch*, *Denial*, *Sydney*, *Glenfalloch*, and other steamers are expected shortly, and will also take cargo for the same port. The rate of freight is not yet fixed, though the general impression is that the opening rate will be about the same as last year.

KUUKIANG.

7th May.

The new teas have been coming into the Settlement during the last few days, and several hundreds of women and girls are employed picking out the stalks, &c. There are a couple of godowns here just now where the process of "tea picking" is going on, and the noise which proceeds therefrom is almost sufficient to drive a person of weak nerves distracted. It would not be so bad if these fairy angels would confine their "choin music" to the hours of daylight, but they do not. They commence at early morning, very early indeed, sometimes about 2 o'clock for instance, and they keep it up. Of course at that hour it is too early to do any work, but crowds of the afore-said angels congregate on the outside the closed doors of the premises and favour us with their ideas on various subjects, interspersed with polite invitations to "open the door," to which the obdurate watchman, not responding, the applicants introduce a little gentle pressure on the doors with battering rams in the shape of bricks, by way of diversifying the monotony. It is their object to commence picking as early as possible, for they are paid, not by the day, but at the rate of 4 cash a catty. The ancient and presumably on that account—the steady dimes, only earn from 40 to 60 cash a day, while a number of the others, who are younger and with good looks, receive as much as 180 cash a day. They do not really earn this—that is in the sense the tea owner looks at the matter—that is to say, they do not pick 40 catties a day, nor anything like that quantity; but when they hand in their catty of tea for inspection they persuade the overseers to mark down 2, 3 and 4 catties on the tickets with which they are provided, and it often occurs, too, that the one catty is not properly picked, but is passed over, while the venerable ladies are sometimes turned back to go over their lots again! So says my informant—a native gentleman of the class "teacher," and wearing spectacles—the glasses of which are about two inches in diameter. Surely he could not be suspected of drawing on his imagination!

Two tea steamers have passed. The *Louisa* came about two p.m. and the *Formosa* about five p.m. yesterday, the former vessel having been many hours below the N.E. crossing, as her pilot could not find sufficient water for her to get over.

In four days the river has risen three feet three inches.—N. C. D. News.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Tigre*, Captain Champeola, from Marseilles, with the London mail of 4th April, arrived here early this morning.

(Straits Times.)

London, May 15.—Advice dated Cape town 15th April state that the Governor and High Commissioner had arrived at

Pretoria after a satisfactory interview with the Boers and Colonials.

(India Papers.)

St. Petersburg, April 18.—An Imperial decree has been issued which invests the Governors of St. Petersburg and the chief provinces with absolute power.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—A very serious riot has taken place at Rostoff, and great excesses were committed. Some Russian troops eventually restored order. Russia is now virtually in a state of siege.

London, April 21.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that the Government had not sanctioned nor ordered an advance at or on Kabul.

London, April 22.—Advice from Capetown, dated 8th April, state that Lord Chelmsford's camp at Glingholva was repeatedly and fiercely attacked by a force of 11,000 Zulus. At daybreak on 2nd April the Zulus were, however, repulsed with a loss of 1,200 killed, whilst the British loss was but trifling. On the night of the 4th April Lord Chelmsford, with the 91st, 60th, and 57th ("The Die Hards") regiments, besides a detachment of Marines, relieved Colonel Pearson at Ekowe. Ekowe was afterwards evacuated by our troops, the garrison returning to the Tugela river. The total British loss during the engagement fought at Colonel Wood's camp on the 28th and 29th March was 220 killed, including Lieutenant Nicholson, Royal Horse Artillery; Lieutenant Bright, 93rd Foot; Lieutenant Johnson, 93rd Foot, Captain Barton and Colonel Weatherley. The total loss of Zulus in the same engagement was 2,500.

The House of Commons has assented to the reduction of a Ministerial bill allowing banks of unlimited liability to register with reserved liability.

London, April 21.—An official despatch respecting the fighting at Glingholva on the 2d April confirms that already received by Reuters. After 1½ hours' fighting the enemy retired precipitately, and were pursued by our men for some miles. The Zulu loss is estimated at 1,000 killed. After the relief of Col. Pearson at Ekowe, Lord Chelmsford returned to Glingholva. The camp at Ekowe has been abandoned and a new entrenched camp formed on the coast road.

London, April 22.—In the House of Commons, Sir Stafford Northcote, replying to a question asked the Viceroy had telegraphed on 8th April that, in compliance with a despatch of Lord Cranbrook's, no advance on Kabul would be made without authority from the Home Government.

A further British advance to the front might be necessary in order to be prepared for everything and support negotiations, and an advance on Gandamak, he said, might be desirable owing to the superiority of climate there as compared to Jellalabad. Messages were still passing between Major Cavagnari and Yakoub Khan, but it was at present inexpedient to make any statement as to details.

London, April 25.—In the House of Commons the Under-Secretary for India, in replying to a question said that it was true the Viceroy had reduced the cotton duties in opposition to the views of the majority of his Council, but that his action in the matter was perfectly constitutional. The Secretary for India in 1876 after full consideration directed the removal of the duties. Sir George Campbell gave notice of a motion condemning the action of the Viceroy as unconstitutional. Sir Stafford Northcote said that Mr. Kivner-Wilson, being dismissed by the Khedive, will return home and resume his former post.

London, April 25.—The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in replying to a question, said that from information which the Government had received, he did not believe that a Persian advance on Herat had been undertaken.

London, April 27.—News which was telegraphed from St. Petersburg on the 12th instant that the Russian Government would surrender Kuldja and had concluded a new convention with China is entirely unconfirmed. Negotiations have been broken off on Russia refusing to surrender.

BURMA AFFAIRS.

Mandalay, April 19.—King Theobaw has announced in full council that heretofore fear had prompted his yielding to all British demands, but that he would henceforth neither hear nor speak of the proposals of accommodation with the British. Discontent is growing strong among the senior ministers.

Rangoon, April 21.—The position of the Burmese difficulty remains unchanged. There are rumours of the King having massed twenty thousand men at Mandalay, besides several thousands along the frontier. It is also reported that he has received a promise of assistance from a force of Chinese assembled above Bhamo. This country is so excited and so filled with rumours that no reliance can be placed on these stories. It was originally confidently asserted at Rangoon that Fort Menthia, supposed to be one of the strongest places on the Irrawaddy, in Upper Burma, had been repaired and fortified to prevent the passage of the British troops. On inspection it was found that the fort was simply contemptible, being whitewashed and patched. Not a man or gun was within the walls, and the fort looks as if it were never intended to carry guns. On the left bank of the river is a line of fortifications. Some men were found there, but no guns or pieces for guns. One British gunboat on the Irrawaddy is now lying close to the frontier line in constant readiness, and would have no difficulty in clearing the river for the passage of our troops if necessary. Three steamers are lying at Thayetmye ready to take our troops. Mandalay is reported quiet. The weather is terribly hot, and rains are expected daily.

Mandalay, April 23.—Another prince has been murdered by the daughter of the Shan Chit of Thelma. The Burmese Government has issued orders to prepare boatsloads of stones to keep ready to block the channels. Foreign officers have undertaken to supply torpedoes to be ready by June. A Buddhist priest, announced that Rangoon, Thayetmye, and Tonghoo, will be destroyed by fire at the beginning of May. Trade imports have been stopped.

AFGHAN WAR.

Simla, April 25.—From Kandahar information has been received that Persian regiments from Meshed are moving towards the Afghan frontier. In Herat, Kabul and Kandahar the regiments are considered trustworthy. Three Sirdars have been imprisoned and the Governor Umar Khan is under order to arrest From Derghah Khan. It is reported that Captain Shewar, of the First Punjab Infantry, and Lieutenant Wells of the Royal Engineers accompanied by Major Ainslie, proceeded to reconnoitre a disputed region between Herat and the Marri hills, when their baggage escort was attacked by thieves. Three eyes and one sowar were killed and others wounded. The baggage was recovered by the Marri chiefs, and two of the murderers secured. Measures have been taken to apprehend the remaining murderers, and if caught they will be tried by a military commission. News has been received from Peshawar that a party of robbers from Bazaar carried off several Koochi camels from the road three miles from below All. Musjid on the 21st. The pursuit made was ineffectual. News is to hand from Lundikotal that two companies were sent on the previous day from Dacca, to the village Kumdaka, seven miles distant, to aid the villagers against the hostile Mohmunda. Subsequent reports showed that the latter are in force and reinforcements are moving from Lundikotal to act if required.

Simla, April 25.—On the 21st instant, Captain Creagh, with a detachment of the Mahawarra battalion, was sent to Kumdaka, seven miles distant, to reinforce a village which was supposed to be threatened. On the 22nd, 1,200 Mohmunda crossed the river and surrounded Captain Creagh's detachment. The latter was reinforced from Lundikotal, and the whole force returned without opposition to Dacca, having lost fourteen killed and sixteen wounded. Our force has 25 casualties.

(L. and C. Express, April 4.)

It has been definitely settled that the expedition to Merv is to set out during the summer with a force of from 2,000 to 3,000 men, under the command of the Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch. The expedition is to ascertain the most convenient route for a Central Asian railway, to discover to what extent the Amu Darya is navigable, and to find out whether it is possible to restore the waters of the river to their old bed, so that they may flow into the Caspian Sea. It will proceed by way of Karatagui, Syr Darya, Tashkend, and Samarkand, and will follow the downward course of the Amu Darya in boats. The river will then be thoroughly sounded and every kind of investigation made. This refers to the expedition which later advices inform us has been stopped.

New York, March 22.—Private advices indicate that the Chinese Merchants' Company of China, which has at least proved a failure, in the sense that it did not accomplish the purpose for which it was organised, that of wresting the coast steamship traffic from English, French, and German, will shortly wind up its affairs. The steamers sold to the Company by Russell and Co. are, it is understood, to be returned at a valuation. Its credit is affirmed to be still good, but the results of an investigation as to its financial standing was expected to bring about some interesting developments. The collapse is the more striking from the special advantages possessed by the Company from the outset—a large subsidy, pecuniary advances, and the carrying the Chinese flag, which latter, it was supposed, would greatly influence Chinese shippers, who are known to have their own unaccountable preferences for certain vessels—preferences which frequently lead them to defer a shipment until some particular steamer arrives, with the risk of their goods reaching a falling market, and the liability of an increase in cost of freight.

The steamer of the Pacific Mail Company, which arrived yesterday at San Francisco from Hongkong, which left Feb. 22, brought General Legendre, who has long occupied the position of adviser to high Japanese officials. It also landed 577 Chinese immigrants, an unusual number. The circumstance is likely to add fuel to the existing agitation. In view of the efforts being made to restrict the number of immigrants, a certain grim humour attaches to this taking of time by the forelock. However adverse the circumstances they have to face, the Chinese in the United States preserve to a singular degree their independence. The new arrivals will, in all likelihood, travel eastward.

General Garibaldi has embarked at Capra on board one of the Rubattino steamers for a destination unknown. Many rumours are afloat. Some say he is bound for Athens or is about to organise a phil-Hellenic expedition; others that he is coming to Rome to take part in a debate now going forward on the subject of disturbances and arrests made at Milan; others, again, that the object of his journey is private business; and it is even said that he has undertaken a journey in order to pay his respects to Queen Victoria at Bayona.

Latest Mail Advice: Yokohama (via San Fran.) Feb. 15, Shanghai 15, Foochow 14, Hongkong 22. The advices dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, were received by the French Mail, via Marseilles, on the 26th ult., three days early, and from Japan, via San Francisco, on the 24th ult. The next inward P. and O. mail, bringing a week's later dates, left Brindisi at 7 A.M. to-day, and will reach London on the 7th inst., its due date. The steamer *Peshawar*, with the heavy portion of the last inward P. and O. mail, arrived at Southampton on the 31st ult.

Notice has been given in the House of Lords by the Earl of Carnarvon to inquire whether any or what steps have been taken under the Chefoo Convention to give effect to the clauses relating to the importation of opium, the mission of exploration to Tibet and thence to India, and the appointment of a Commission to regulate the differences between the colony of Hongkong and the province of Canton. The question was set down for the 1st inst., but has been postponed until the expiration of the Easter recess.

Mr. Adolphus A. Annesley, late Vice-Consul at Hioogo, Japan, proceeds by this mail to take up his appointment as Consul at the French colony of Reunion. Mr. Annesley's connection with the Consular Service extends over twenty years, his last appointment being Vice-Consul at Hioogo and Osaka, and Acting Consul for a considerable period, also Acting Consul for France, Austro-Hungary, Italy, and Spain.

A special committee has been appointed by the Russian Government, under the presidency of General Mijutin, the Minister of War, to consider the Kuldja question. It is composed of M. Greign, the Minister of Finance; Privy Councillor Giers, M. Bytsoff (the former Russian Ambassador at Peking), and several others. It is stated that the civil members of the committee are in favour, in principle, of surrendering Kuldja to the Chinese; while the military members recommend that Russia should retain possession of the disputed territory.

The half-yearly report of the directors of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited) to Dec. 31 shows a gross revenue of £140,970, against £134,753. The working expenses, which include amortisation interest and cost of repairing and maintaining cables, were £71,250, and the balance brought forward left the half-year's net profit at £69,720. An interim dividend of 1½ per cent. has already been paid, and the directors now recommend a similar distribution, making 5 per cent. for the year 1878. A balance of £44,112, which is carried to the reserve, raises that fund to £75,018.

The *Gazette* notifies that the Queen has approved of Mr José da Silva Loureiro as Consul at Hongkong for the King of Portugal.

The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, has intimated his intention to appoint Viscount Ebrington, eldest son of Earl Fortescue, to the Provincial 'Grand Mastership of Devonshire, vacant by the resignation through age of the Rev. L. Hayshe, of 'Olyes' Hydon. Lord Ebrington is senior wardens of the Barnstaple Lodge, and is twenty-four years of age. His grandfather was Provincial Grand Master of Devon for forty-two years.

The *Tyne*, iron screw troop and storeship, commander John E. Stokes, under repair at Chatham, is ordered to be ready for sea by the 5th inst., and will proceed to the Cape with stores for the troops on service there, and subsequently to Hongkong with the new crews for the *Lily*, *Sheldrake*, and *Moorhen*. She will also take out a large quantity of stores for the China station, and will return with the old crews of the above mentioned vessels, invalided and time-expired men, prisoners, and obsolete stores. The undermentioned detachments of Royal Marines (excepting the Royal Marine Artillery portion which will embark at Portsmouth) are under orders to embark at Chatham in the *Tyne* for Hongkong, viz.:—1 corporal or bombardier, 2 gunners and 8 privates (including 2 ward-room officers' servants) for the *Lily*; 1 corporal and 8 privates (including 1 ward-room officer's servant), for the *Moorhen*; 1 corporal and 8 privates (including 1 ward-room officer's servant) for the *Sheldrake*; 1 corporal and 8 privates (including 1 ward-room officer's servant) for the ship *Monquito*; 2 corporals (1 for sick quarters, Yokohama), and 1 private for the *Victor Emmanuel*; and 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, 1 bugler, 86 privates, and 8 gunners for disposal on the China Station.

The *Leysus*, 6, composite sloop, Commander the Hon. Horatio N. S. Hood, under orders for the China station, has been inspected by Admiral Farquhar, and has made a very satisfactory measured mile trial, attaining a speed of 11.437 knots. She has proceeded on an experimental cruise in the Channel, previous to leaving for her station.

Commander William H. C. St. Clair (1868) has been selected for the command of the gun-vessel *Dwarf*, which will be commissioned at Portsmouth, on the 7th inst., for service on the China Station. Lieutenants E. M. Archdale, W. R. H. E. Edwards, and Montagu H. M. Seymour, and Assistant Paymaster Wm. F. Morwill (in charge) are gazetted to this vessel.

The Admiralty Medal for long service and good conduct has been awarded to Frank Terrible, captain's steward, and William Law, chief carpenter's mate, of the *Nassau*, and to Charles Curtis, leading stoker of the *Magpie*.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. Stevens, half pay, late 2nd Foot, has been installed as a Military Knight of Windsor on the Royal Foundation. The gallant officer served in the 49th Regiment throughout the first war in China, in 1840, 1841, and 1842, gaining the medal, and was specially appointed recruiting officer in London, raising upwards of 2,000 men. He did duty in the Crimea in 1856, and raised in Scotland, during the Indian Mutiny, 1857-8, nearly 1,000 men. Lieutenant Colonel Stevens commanded a detachment of four companies 67th Regiment, and was second in command of a flying column, with artillery, in support of Colonel Gordon against the Taipings in China. Shortly after the last war, in 1862, he commanded a detachment of twenty officers and 400 men on board the transport *Albatross*, proceeding to South Africa in 1865, and on the line of march to King William's Town. He volunteered for the Ashantee War in 1873, landing at Cape Coast Castle during the bombardment of Elmina. Lieutenant Colonel Stevens obtained a medal and brevet of Major for special service on the Gold Coast.

During the passage of the armour-plated ship *Agadocous* through the Suez Canal, on her way home from China, she accidentally grounded, and her screw-shaft was bent by coming into collision with some obstacle. On the vessel being d.c.k.d at Chatham it was found that her shaft was nearly two inches out of the straight. To have taken it out to straighten it would have caused a great outlay of money and labour, and so a new plan was adopted. A portable forge, specially prepared, was placed under the shaft, and when it was sufficiently heated powerful hydraulic rams were brought to bear upon it, and after some trouble the shaft was straightened, the work being carried out under the direction of Mr. Parker, foreman in the chief engineer's department.

Lord Amelius Beauclerk, whose death by accident was reported in our last issue, entered the navy in 1815, and as mate of the *Wellington* served on shore at the attack on Chuenpee; was in command of the rocket boat at the Bocca Tigri, and was mentioned in despatches at the capture of Amoy, Chusan, and Chinghai. He obtained his lieutenant's commission in 1841, was promoted to commander in 1846, and became a retired captain in July, 1874.

The *Nassau*, a surveying vessel, Commander William M. Lang, which arrived in Plymouth Sound last week, 140 days from Hongkong, has proceeded to Sheerness to "pay off." Owing to defects in the boilers the *Nassau* had to be towed to the Medway.

The *Junon*, which was to take a party of voyagers round the world, has returned to Marseilles, after having proceeded no further than Rio de Janeiro, and the dispute will probably come before the tribunals.

Enormous quantities of tea have been taken out of bond in anticipation of an increase in the duty. On Friday last week about £28,000 of duty was paid; on Saturday about £53,000; on Monday nearly £80,000 had been paid in at the Customs House on tea, a sum exceeding by £20,000 the amount paid in the previous day, and exceeding by £70,000 the average daily amount received during the busiest season of the year.

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MEYER & Co.,

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein on
Goods on board Vessels and on Halls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 10, 1866.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Alaska	a	Seabury	Amer. str.	3452	May 10	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & S. F. Colco	26th inst.
Argyll	3	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	May 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow and Amoy	To-day
Bombay	1	Wharton	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Salgon	Tug Plying
Carisbrooke	2	Langley	Brit. str.	980	May 18	Buh Hin Chan	Y'hama & San F. Colco	Mails, 20th
Cassandra	5	Langley	Brit. str.	987	May 13	Siemssen & Co.	Hoihow & Haiphong	19th inst.
City of Tokio	5	Langley	Amer. str.	5079	May 8	P. M. S. S. Co.	Bangkok	To-day
Conquest	5	Elphick	Brit. str.	317	May 14	Shun Hong	Yokohama	18th inst.
Dale	2	Thompson	Brit. str.	650	May 10	Yuen Fat Hong	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Fame	2	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	May 11	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Coast Ports	K'loon Dock
Fleur Castle	2	Kidder	Brit. str.	1622	May 8	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Salgon	23rd inst.
Gleniffer	2	Graham	Brit. str.	1411	May 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy & Shanghai	To-day
Gravina	3	Echevaria	Span. str.	396	May 13	Remedios & Co.	Salgon	at daylight
Hailong	5	Abbot	Brit. str.	274	May 7	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Salgon	To-day
Japan	5	Gardner	Brit. str.	1805	May 10	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Killarney	4	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	May 10	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Loyte	5	Zublaquiere	Span. str.	812	April 8	Russell & Co.	Salgon	To-day
Namoa	5	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	May 10	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Oatava	5	Hansen	Ger. str.	836	May 14	Seoy Shing	Shanghai	To-morrow
Patroclus	5	White	Ger. str.	1680	May 13	Butterfield & Swire	Salgon	To-day
Penedo	3	Cain	Brit. str.	680	May 11	Melchers & Co.	Salgon	To-day
Saint Mark	5	Johnson	Brit. str.	1098	May 10	Meyer & Co.	Salgon	To-day
Scotland	5	Atkinson	Brit. str.	1187	May 4	Russell & Co.	Salgon	To-day
Sea Gull	5	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	Mar. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Sunda	5	Reeves	Brit. str.	1029	May 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Tibre	5	Pontois	Fch. str.	1004	May 16	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-morrow
Tigre	5	Chappenois	Fch. str.	2158	May 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Venice	5	Rhodes	Brit. str.	1271	May 16	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	To-morrow
Yottung	2	McDonnell	Brit. str.	286	May 16	Russell & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Zephyr	1	Hauer	Brit. str.	286	May 16	Russell & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow

Sailing Vessels									
Abbie N. Franklin	4	Howes	Amer. bge.	480	Mar. 6	Captain			
Aleppo	1	Falconer	Brit. bge.	665	April 27	Borneo Co., Limited			
Alexa	3	Robb	Brit. bge.	424	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.			
Alice C. Dickerman	3	Bugant	Amer. bge.	801	May 16	Order			
Annie W. Weston	3	Wanser	Amer. bge.	740	April 23	Order			
Beethoven	3	Haje	Ger. bge.	340	May 14	Melchers & Co.			
Black Prince	7	Hewer	Brit. bge.	751	May 16	Douglas Lapaik & Co.			
Chamron Kamrye	2	Stobbs	Brit. sh.	1886	April 24	Vogel & Co.			
Chilnam	2	Beale	Brit. sh.	1173	April 30	Vogel & Co.			
Edith	4	Manion	Amer. sh.	928	April 8	Russell & Co.			
Edward May	7	Johnson	Amer. bge.	1197	May 15	Chinese			
Freeman	2	Howes	Amer. bge.	884	May 8	Melchers & Co.			
Fulda	1	Basson	Ger. bge.	483	April 18	Carlowitz & Co.			
Gertrude	4	France	Brit. bge.	898	Mar. 10	Vogel & Co.			
Golden Fleece	3	Willshire	Brit. bge.	946	April 26	Adamson, Bell & Co.			
Hattie E. Tapley	8	Tapley	Amer. sh.	882	April 18	Vogel & Co.			
Haze	4	Evans	Amer. sh.	274	May 11	Edward Schellhass & Co.			
Henrik Ibsen	4	Daa	Norw. bge.	350	May 8	Edward Schellhass & Co.			
Hermine	2	Meyer	Ger. bge.	350	May 8	Edward Schellhass & Co.			
Highlander	4	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.			
Hongkong	3	Oam	Ger. Sm. sc.	219	May 10	Chinese			
John R. Stanhope	2	Pillsbury	Amer. sh.	407	May 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Juliane	3	Oestmann	Ger. Sm. sc.	187	May 15	Captain			
Memnon	7	Wass	Amer. sh.	850	April 13	Melchers & Co.			
Nuevo Constante	1	Urlarte	Span. sch.	203	May 9	Remedion & Co.			
Oneida	4	Olyma	Brit. sh.	2293	Mar. 15	Russell & Co.			
Patria	5	Schultz	Ger. bge.	385	May 1	Stemsen & Co.			
Phaeton	3	Scheel	Brit. bge.	576	April 10	Wieler & Co.			
Prima Donna	4	Lunt	Amer. sh.	1450	April 16	Vogel & Co.			
Queen of India	8	Garry	Brit. bge.	890	April 10	Wieler & Co.			
Rosebud	8	Oollie	Brit. Sm. sc.	341	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.			
Samatra	3	Gloagh	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.			
Tesuvius	8	Oull	Amer. bge.	813	April 28	Russell & Co.			
Young Slam	2	Benadictsen	Slam. sh.	701	May 9	Kin Tye Loong			
Zouave	8	Means	Amer. sh.	1202	April 25	Captain			